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FAMILY NEWS

Upcoming Events:

December 2: FIT Food List

spaghetti sauce and noodles, peanut butter, jelly, boxes of cereal, canned fruit, mac & cheese, cash donations

December 5:

Youth Christmas Party at 7:00 pm

December 15:

Breakfast with Santa at 9:30 am

December 16:

Christmas Turkey Food List: dressing mix, green beans, canned sweet potatoes, bag of rice, gravy mix, cranberry sauce, Christmas cookies

Honduras 2019 Fundraising:

Heritage Candles and Cookie Dough 2-lb tubs. See Michael Spane to order. Website link below.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Missions: Mike, Kris and Kaylee Bridges
- AIM: Hannah Baker, Kaylee Bridges, Donnie Guill (Mission UpReach)
- Nathaniel and Alexis Goodley-Washington, D.C.
- Grayson Carter-Ft. Riley
- Steve & Erma Izard
- Patrick Hutto
- Robin Smith
- Lisa Smith- Karen Oliver's Sister
- Gene Lowe-Vern Lowe's Father
- Marcello Assenza-Christine Stewart's Father
- Tom Dominick
- Chester Warren
- Mark Black, Kris Black's Father
- AJ & Jeanie McElfresh
- Leah Crocker
- George Westerman
- Kelli Daniel
- Karyl Buress
- Kathy Alexander & Family
- KJ Binnicker
- Fritz Stewart-George Stewart's Father

JONAH PART 1

God commanded Jonah to go and preach in the great city of Nineveh. This mission was unprecedented. Other prophets had spoken against great cities, including Nineveh but none had been asked to go to the city. Nineveh was a city more wicked than we can imagine. The Assyrians led captives around by hooks in their noses. They dismembered bodies by cutting off both legs and one arm, leaving the other arm to shake hands with the victim as he died. Heads were removed and put on poles, to be carried along by family members. These people were wretched.

Jonah 1:3-4 But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord

Tarshish is believed to be on the western edge of the then known world. So, when God told Jonah to go to that "great city" Nineveh, he did just the opposite. Instead of going east, he went west. Instead of going by land, he went by sea. Instead of going to the great city, he went to the end of the world.

When God told him to go and preach to them, Jonah ran in the opposite direction. God, through Amos had already prophesied that Nineveh would fall and of course, the Ninevites deserved to be destroyed. Jonah could not see any reason for God's command, so he probably assumed there must not be one. He doubted the goodness, wisdom and justice of God.

Jonah cannot see it or understand it but God will show His mercy to everyone in this story. He does not give up on Jonah. He brings the gentile sailors to worship. The entire city of Nineveh repents and the book ends with this; "And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?" God even has concern for people who do not know their right from their left, not to mention all those animals. In the story of Jonah, God is merciful to everyone and everything.

Are we like Jonah? Do we doubt God when we don't see any reason for the events in our lives? We must learn to trust God and to always believe that He is concerned about all, even the animals. He is full of mercy and wants what is best for each of us.

Grace and peace, The Shepherds

ASSEMBLY TIMES

SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30AM

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS 11:00 AM

> WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM

November 25th, 2018 Weekly Statistics

AM Bible Class: 50 AM Bible Class Avg: 73

AM Assembly: 93 AM Assembly Avg: 131

Contribution: \$5,457 YTD Average Weekly: \$7,552.00

Weekly Budget: \$7,918.62

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Sign Up To Help:

Honduras 2019 Fundraising https://www.efundraising.com/

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December Goodies

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084aa5ad2fa0f94-december

Suzanne Kennedy

https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/60b054cacaf2ca2fe3-rides

Anniversaries:

12.3 Justin & Janna Muery

12.20 Tom & Karen Brophy

12.30 Corey & Dawn Wisniewski

12.31 Matt & Mary Joy

Birthdays:

No birthdays this week

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LEXINGTONCHURCH.NET **CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR** RECURRING PAYMENTS.

Opportunities to Serve December 2, 2018

Worship:

Connor Watkins

Sound Room:

Mary Joy Cliff Brown

Lord's Supper Comments: Mark Cox

Servers in December:

Steve Baker Kris Amaral Ruben Macedo Lance Daniel Caleb Surface

Door Greeters in December:

James Bost Karen Bost

Nursery:

Raegen Ferguson Janice Plexico

Toddler:

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YOUTH NEWS

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend! It is hard to believe the holidays are here! This time of year always seems to come and go so fast! In fact, I realize you all have many things outside of church going on, which is why I planned our youth events earlier than usual this year, and so I want to take this opportunity to let you all know what is happening... Tonight we will exchange names for the Secret Santa gift exchange that will happen next week at our Youth Christmas Party. Therefore, if you want to be a part of this event, please make sure you let me know, even if you cannot make it tonight. I will also be handing out a list of items to collect for our annual Christmas baskets, which we will also be creating next week at the party. Some of the items to begin looking for include the following...

Candles Soap Lotion Christmas décor **Puzzles** Fruit Candy Socks

Mittens, etc.

Next Wednesday we will have our annual Youth Christmas Party at the church at 7pm. I need everyone to wear their Ugly Christmas sweater, bring a snack or dessert, bring some items to fill the Christmas baskets, and bring a gift for their Secret Santa partner. Of course, this is open to friends, so please feel free to invite extras. The more, the merrier! We will have games, snacks, and gifts, and we will prepare our Christmas baskets for delivery.

After this, we will take the next three weeks off (12/19; 12/26; 1/2). However, we will continue to have Sunday morning classes for the teens.

Don't forget this Sunday is the deadline to sign up and pay the \$75 deposit for Winterfest! I absolutely need to know if you plan to attend, as I must confirm our hotel and acquire our tickets. Once I give up our rooms, they cannot be reclaimed, and once I purchase our tickets, I cannot get our money back. Obviously, this is very important, so I really appreciate your cooperation with this!!!

Blessings! ~ Dawn